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SUBJECT: SAUDI QUERY ABOUT SOVIETS IN IRAQ

1. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, FONMIN UNDERSEC FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR AL MANSURI ASKED AMBASSADOR PORTER IF USG COULD PREPARE FOR SAG AN ASSESSMENT OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AND ESPECIALLY MILITARY PRESENCE/CONTROL IN IRAQ. AL MANSURI WAS ASKING ON BEHALF OF FONMIN PRINCE SA'UD AL FAISAL. SAG, AL MANSURI ADDED, ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN EXTENT TO WHICH RUSSIANS COULD BE SAID TO HAVE BASE OR BASE-TYPE FACILITIES IN IRAQ. AMBASSADOR AGREED TO FORWARD MINISTRY'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN IRAQ IN RESPONSE TO ABOVE QUERY.
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